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Association of Japanese Asks Consul Arita to Help Alleviate Matters

"To allow present conditions to exist any longer is a distinct menace to the integrity of our homes, and a serious reflection on the good names of both Americans and Japanese in Hawaii," declares a petition presented to Consul H. Arita of Japan by the Improved Baths and Sanitary Association, after an investigation of conditions on the big plantations on the island of Hawaii.

The petition was drawn up after an investigation made by Dr. G. Negoro of Honolulu and S. Fuji of Hilo, and is signed by hundreds of Japanese plantation laborers, whose quarters were visited. The petition to Consul Arita states, in part:

"We have the honor to address these presents to you with the view of enlisting your cooperation in our endeavor to improve the deplorable conditions of the comfort stations and baths provided for Japanese laborers by the sugar plantations of Hawaii. Our association at Hilo has insisted that the sexes should be strictly separated in the use of baths and comfort stations, and conditions at Hilo have been greatly bettered, but we regret to say that there has been no change on the outlying sugar plantations.

"The promiscuous use by both sexes at the same time of the same baths, and the unpartitioned comfort stations where both sexes resort are a disgrace to the community and to the plantations which tolerate such conditions. They are absolutely destructive of the good customs and Christian morals of the laborers.

"Our home land does not allow such a state of things to exist for a moment. Police regulations in these respects are particularly strict, and the enforcement thereof is very severe. Yet these deplorable conditions exist in Hawaii, which boasts a superior civilization to that of our homeland."

The petition closes with the plea that Consul Arita himself take the matter up with the plantation companies.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS HAVE MEETINGS TODAY

The first of a series of meetings is being held this afternoon by the "neighborhood sewing groups" of the Woman's Society of Central Union church. Hostesses in the various districts are Mrs. Edwin Benner and Mrs. S. De Froot, 2420 Manoa road; Mrs. Frances Good, Castle Home, Manoa; Mrs. A. L. Andrews, Liloa rise, Manoa; Mrs. W. C. Furer, 1811 Wilder avenue; Mrs. S. D. Barnes, 1714 Anapuni; Mrs. E. A. Berndt, 15th avenue, Kaimuki; Mrs. Irwin Beattie, 254 Lewers road, Waikeiki; Mrs. Robert Lester and Mrs. James Sutherland, 1256 Lunalihi; Mrs. W. R. Castle, Victoria and Kinau; Mrs. Andrew Fuller, 2342 Nuuanu; Mrs. J. S. Donaghy, Alewa heights, and Mrs. J. A. Rath, Palama.

EXPECTS \$900,000 FOR HONOLULU IN ARMY BILL

With the army bill not yet framed Honolulu's chances of having the proposed \$900,000 appropriation for housing the troops that are to come here next year increased to \$900,000 are good, according to services received from George McK. McClellan, Washington representative of the Chamber of Commerce. He expects to have the \$900,000 item inserted when the bill is under discussion.

No definite date had been set for a hearing on Hawaii's request that an appropriation for the Nawiliwili harbor improvement be included in the rivers and harbors bill at the time the letter was mailed.

A postal money order for \$50 was received as a contribution to the "conscience fund" by Mayor Mitchell of New York by some citizen who used city water without a license.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

This evening at 7:30 o'clock the Hawaiian Band will begin a concert at the Kakaako Mission.

C. W. Kinney, the mail carrier complained of by James Nott through the Chamber of Commerce several weeks ago, has resigned, according to a communication to the chamber by Postmaster W. F. Young.

Federal trial jurors have been excused until further notice by Judge Charles F. Clemens. As the present term closes on April 9, it is not likely that the present jurors will be summoned for further duty.

Found guilty on a charge of playing monte, a gambling game, Magdalena and Quintin, two Filipinos of Wahiawa, were sentenced this morning in the police court to pay fines of \$5 each and costs.

Richard H. Trent today formally approved the discontinuance of the case of W. A. Kinney against Mrs. Elizabeth Knight, guardian of the person of Richard Smart, an action for attorney's fees.

The final accounts of the Hawaiian Trust Company, executor of the estate of the late R. W. Cathcart, were approved by Circuit Judge Whitney today, following the filing of a report by Leslie P. Scott, master.

Owing to lack of funds there will be no meeting of the territorial grand jury tomorrow afternoon. This makes the fourth consecutive week that the tribunal has been unable to have a session because the circuit court expenses appropriation is exhausted.

DAILY REMINDERS

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KINNEY-KNIGHT SUIT DISCONTINUED, SAYS MESSAGE FROM HAWAII

Henry C. Smith, clerk of the local circuit court, yesterday afternoon received a wireless message from Attorney J. A. Magoon, now at Hokena, Hawaii, to the effect that the suit brought by W. A. Kinney, a mainland attorney, against Mrs. Elizabeth Knight, mother of the late Thelma I. K. Parker Smart, has been discontinued on the approval of Richard H. Trent.

Attorney Kinney represented Mrs. Knight during the contest of Thelma Smart's will and later sued her for attorney's fees, the figure named being more than \$13,000. Mrs. Knight now is guardian of the person of Richard Smart, son of the late Thelma and Henry Gaillard Smart, Mr. Trent being guardian of his property. Attorney Magoon represents Mrs. Knight.

FIND M. PERRY NOT GUILTY OF ASSAULT

After deliberating less than five minutes a jury in federal court yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Marion Perry, who was charged with a statutory offense. It was alleged that Perry, while on his way to Honolulu from Hilo in the steamer Mauna Kea, had criminally assaulted a young Hawaiian girl who was being sent to the girls' industrial school in charge of a police officer.

Palm Days For Reporters and Attorneys Past

Hereafter, All Business in U. S. Clerk's Office Will Be Conducted Over Counter

Lo, the old order changeth. Henceforth, reporters, attorneys and other persons, with the exception of officials, will be barred from the inner sanctums of the federal court clerk's office.

Thus has Clerk George R. Clark ruled, and the ruling must be obeyed. It is final. The court reporters, perhaps, will suffer the most. From now on the day's news will be handed out across the counter. The scribes will not be allowed to pass through the little swinging gate, seat themselves comfortably in chairs in the clerk's office and then demand, "Well, what's doing today?"

In the olden days, the clerk's office was a pretty good "loafing place" for the Fourth Estaters. They enjoyed the clerk's smoking mixtures, books and magazines. Many an unoffending coupon was filched from packages of "Turkish blend," and the ice water was above reproach.

Auwei! Many an assignment was covered by means of the telephone in the clerk's office. In the days of one former clerk an exceptionally fine brand of Havanas was available to what he delighted in calling "The Press." But now these luxuries and privileges have been cut off. The clerks must not be interfered with in their work, one report has it, and hereafter business will be transacted only over the counter.

The same ruling applies to attorneys, office seekers and others. Reporters, however, may be allowed to go inside in case they wish to make a copy of a document. But the palm days of pounding out a story on the office typewriters are over. The machines, with "Bill" Rosa's rubber-band attachment, are tabu.

Thus has the old order of things changed. As one man once put it, "someone is always taking the joy out of life."

INTER-ISLAND TO GIVE CONTRACT FOR WHARF

Bids on the construction of the inter-island's new Kailhi coaling plant wharf will close Saturday at noon, and the contract will be awarded later. It will be a \$100,000 job, and there is spirited competition, as eight bidders have notified the company of their intention to file proposals, officers of the Inter-Island said today.

Because of the Panama canal tieup, which has prevented material from reaching here, only half the ultimate length of the wharf will be built at this time. The contract to be awarded by the Inter-Island's directors after all bids are in, will call for a wharf 370 feet long. The wharf plans are for a total future length of 750 feet.

William T. Donnelly, the famous drydock engineer and maritime construction expert, now in Honolulu, will be consulting engineer on the wharf construction. He will confer with the directors and officers when the bids are opened. The wharf will carry the coal-handling towers and trestle, and when everything is finished the Inter-Island will have one of the most modern and speediest coal-handling plants of its size in the Pacific.

HURLS BLAZING LAMP AT HUSBAND; BREAKS UP PEACE MEETING

Charged with having thrown a lighted kerosene lamp at a fellow countryman, T. Masuda, a Japanese of the McCully tract district, was haled before the police judge yesterday morning, the case being postponed till later in the week.

Nosaki, the man who swore out the complaint against Masuda, came to the police Tuesday night with one side of his neck badly burned by the flaming missile. Masuda, the alleged assailant, also carried a bad burn on the hand.


Nosaki's wife had deserted her husband, according to the police, and was staying in Masuda's home. Hoping to bring about a reconciliation the deserted husband took two other friends with him and called on the wife. It was during the discussion which followed, Nosaki alleges, that the kerosene projectile was fired at his head. Masuda's bond was placed at \$500.

CAVALRY MUSICIAN IS CLASSED AS DESERTER

Pvt. John T. Harris, 4th Cavalry, Schofield Barracks, is listed as a deserter from the United States army since February 5, 1916. His description is given as follows: Age, 31 years 2 months; occupation, musician; eyes, brown; hair, dark brown; complexion, ruddy; weight, 160 pounds; height, 5 feet 6 inches. Anchor and sailor's head tattooed on left arm; eagle and anchor tattooed on right arm. Had on cotton service uniform at time of desertion.

GETS \$20 FINE FOR HITTING MOTORBIKE

Charged with violating the traffic ordinance, Albert Machado pleaded guilty in the police court this morning and was fined \$20 and costs. Machado ran into Oliver Soares yesterday afternoon with his automobile,



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